

Information on Final Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule

In response to the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2764; Public Law 110–161), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued the Final Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule. The rule requires reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from large direct emitters, fossil fuel suppliers and industrial gas suppliers in the United States, and is intended to collect accurate and timely emissions data to inform future policy decisions. The rule requires that reporters begin collecting data on January 1, 2010 with the first annual reports due to EPA on March 31, 2011.

A copy of the final rule, fact sheets and other information can be found at:

www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html.

Please note:

1. Subpart W — Oil and Natural Gas Systems is not included in the final rule referenced above. EPA received many comments in regard to subpart W in the Proposed Rule released for comment on April 10, 2009. In order to carefully consider and respond to these comments, EPA did not include subpart W in the final greenhouse gas reporting rule.
2. EPA will issue a proposed rule for public comment as it pertains to oil and natural gas systems. The goal is to have this proposed rule finalized such that data collection can begin on January 1, 2011.
3. Due to this delay, oil and natural gas sector companies will not be required to submit mandatory reports for fugitive and vented methane emissions covering calendar year 2010. The oil and natural gas industry must, however, comply with all other applicable subparts as published in the final greenhouse gas reporting rule.
4. EPA will host a number of in-person and Web-based training sessions for people involved with reporting under the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule. Individuals interested in attending any of the sessions must register in

advance as space is limited. Please visit www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/training.html for more information and to register.

5. The Natural Gas STAR Program has included a 90 minute session on oil and natural gas-specific issues related to the Final Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule at the Natural Gas STAR Annual Implementation Workshop. Key EPA staff will present an overview of the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule and will be available to answer questions. For registration and additional workshop information, please visit the Natural Gas STAR Web site at:
<http://epa.gov/gasstar/workshops/annualimplementation/2009.html>.